

MINUTES OF THE J&L WOOD COUNTY WATER PROTECTION SUBCOMMITTEE

DATE: Monday, August 1, 2016

TIME: 3:30 PM

PLACE: Wood County Courthouse Room 115

MEMBERS PRESENT: Chair Bill Clendenning, Vice Chair Bill Leichtnam, Joe Zurfluh and Bruce Dimick-Secretary

MEMBERS ABSENT: Dennis Bangart (Dennis was aware of the meeting, but had a scheduling conflict)

OTHERS PRESENT: Ken Curry, Peter Manley

1. MEETING CALLED TO ORDER: Chairman Clendenning called the meeting to order at 3:30 PM

2. Public Comment: None

3. Minutes of Meeting of July 6, 2016. Clendenning reviewed the minutes. Minutes, approved as written by Leichtnam, seconded by Zurfluh.

4. Legislative Update: Dimick reported on the Natural Resources Board meeting to be held in Ashland on August 2-3. The main topic of interest is to enhance the restrictions on manure spreading which will be covered in agenda item 2.C.1. Dimick and other members of Protect Wood County will be going to the hearing to testify.

Also see Appendix I

5. Water Issues Update: Leichtnam expressed concern about the water supplies for the 6 identified residences near 10 Mile Creek in Saratoga adjacent to where the Kotlowski/Wysocki manure spreading (~500 tanker trucks) occurred. The water quality of the 10 Mile is being monitored and analyzed by UWSP. The committee will continue to track the analysis.

6 & 7. Modification of Wood County Ordinance #101.01 Prohibited Discharges. The modified ordinance will be stripped of reference to State Statue 92.11. A motion was made by Zurfluh and seconded by Dimick to submit the modified ordinance to both the Judicial and Legislative Committee meeting on Friday, August 5, and the CEED/HHS Committee meeting on Monday, August 8. The vote was 4 ayes, 0 no's.

8. Brainstorming: Clendenning recommended that a number of towns in the Central Sands area and the city of Wisconsin Rapids need to get together under the auspices of the Town of Saratoga to have an in-depth discussion of the clean water issues. Also it was recommended that Kay Lutze, Water Regulations and Zoning Specialist, WDNR be invited to speak to the committee.

9. Next Meeting Date: August 30, 2016 at 9:00.

10. Agenda Items Next Meeting. All item on current agenda.

11. Adjournment: The meeting was adjourned at 4:59 PM. Clendenning made the motion, seconded by Zurfluh.

Minutes recorded by Dimick approved by Leichtnam.

Appendix I

Subject: Front Page State Journal

Date: 2016-08-01 11:17

From: Kriss Marion <maidmarion@circlemfarm.com>

To: lcc-supervisors@wisconsinlandwater.org

I'm a bit at a loss for words here, but felt I wanted to hear from the rest of you on the DNR scaling back their special rules governing manure spreading in sensitive areas. Since when is the Dairy Business Association able to tell the DNR how to do conservation?

I also have a question of protocol. I am new to LCC and to the government process, but it seems inappropriate that this change would have quietly been made AFTER the comment and appointment period for next week's Natural Resources Board meeting had already ended (the deadline to comment on the special rules was last Friday at 11am). How can people be expected to comment on rules that have changed in the meantime?

Can WiLand+Water go to bat for conservation here? Is the Legislative Committee chair already scheduled to speak to the NRB? The proposed rules didn't go far enough and weren't likely to be implemented until 2018 anyway, but what is possible at this point?

Some communities can't wait any longer for protections against water pollution. Other communities are just waking up to the dangers and may already be in the same boat as Kewaunee. We need a strong voice from our LCC professionals now.

Kriss Marion

Lafayette County Board Supervisor